## 2004 EQIP Local Ranking DeKalb County

Check all criteria that apply to operation and will be addressed in a conservation plan. (Total possible points: 500)

- Has not implemented a nutrient management plan:
  - a. livestock operation (45 points)
  - b. cash grain operation (35 points)
- Area is within 1/8 mile (660 ft.) of a body of water (ditch, stream, pond or wetland) or surface inlet that does not have a 20 foot perennial grass buffer strip around it. (45 points)
- Area located within area of special watershed activity: Source Water Protection Project Treatment Watershed, Fish Creek Project. (45 points)
- Gully erosion present. Gully erosion is caused by concentrated flow of water that is too large to repair with annual tillage practices and usually at least 1 foot deep (45 points)
- Presence or potential for sheet & rill erosion at rates greater than 2T. (30 points)
- Area located in watershed listed on IDEM 303 (d) Waters Impaired from Nonpoint Sources list. (30 points)
- Livestock has access to stream (30 points)
- Excessive streambank erosion present on at least 100 linear feet. (30 points)
- Operation is using no-till on less than 50% of total corn acreage. (30 points)
- Not using a fall cover crop as part of a nutrient management plan or for erosion control.. (30 points)
- Less than 180 days of manure storage available. (30 points)
- Cropland was under a CRP contract within the past 2 years where the field is::
   At least 33% HEL (30 points)
   Less than 33% HEL or NHEL (15 points)
- Will implement components of a forest management plan that will improve the forest resources. (practices may include: forest stand improvement, tree/shrub planting, & tree/shrub pruning) (30 points)

- Will convert cropland to pasture with a prescribed grazing plan. (14 points)
- Will remove manure from a storage facility for permanent closure. (12 points)
- Contiguous woodland area (including new tree plantings) are large enough for economical timber production (at least 5 acres). (12 points)
- Tree planting is part of a larger wooded tract (12 points)